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1. The Volksrat, until recently crowded into a small number of rooms in the Central Administration Building, Leipzigerstrasse, moved in mid-June to a large new building on Wilhelmstrasse where it will occupy two hundred rooms. Bernhard von Mutius, co-secretary of the Volksrat Secretariat, will live in a private suite of this building. Source calls it the finest office building in Germany. The Russians ordered it to be constructed in May 1945. (Comment: This is one indication that the Russians intend to make the Volksrat the governing body for the Soviet Zone.)
2. Source says that the amount of research and planning being undertaken by Mutius is so great that it is possible only to conclude that the Russians mean the Volksrat to emerge as a ready-made government in the near future.
3. Mutius is reported to be still at work drawing up a proposed peace treaty which must be ready for the Volkskongress session in September. He claims that the Volkskongress will approve it unanimously and that it will then be speedily approved by the Soviet government. But Mutius is having great difficulty so far in finding qualified persons to help with the treaty draft.

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